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FIFTH DISTRICT NEEDS SHOWN IN MEETING ON FRONTAGE-TAX SYSTEM**W. C. Achi and Albert Water-
house Principal Speakers —
Palama Section Shows Much
Interest**Just what the Palama commu-
nity, and the fifth district needs,
but apparently has never gotten,
in the way of improved roads,
new streets to replace the many
narrow lanes, and other public im-
provements, was brought out last
night when the members of the Palama
Improvement Club met in the settle-
ment gymnasium to discuss the frontage tax
law pro and con and the proposed
bonding system. Supervisors Manuel
Pacheco, Lester Petrie and E. H. F.
Wolter were present and gave their
views both for and against the ques-
tions, while Albert Waterhouse spoke
directly in favor of the frontage tax
law. Former Senator Charles Achi
took the negative, so far as immediate
application is concerned.Supervisor Lester Petrie, upon the
request of the club members, gave
a statement where the board of super-
visors spends its money for public im-
provements, speaking from the stand-
point of chairman of the roads com-
mittee. Senator Achi started the ball
rolling against the frontage tax law
by saying that, if now enforced, the
assessments would be a first lien on
property and ahead of any mortgage.
He claimed that, under these circum-
stances, the poor man would be un-
able to borrow money on his property,
for the banks and moneyed men would
be loath to lend money. More than
50 per cent of the houses in Hono-
lulu today, he set forth, are built with
borrowed funds. He spoke of the dif-
ference in improvements in the fourth
and fifth districts, saying that the best
way out of this difficulty would be
for the supervisors to borrow \$400,000
on bonds and use it largely in the
fifth district. He pointed out that the
interest on this amount would be \$15,
000 and that, if improved property
would rise in value until the tax there-
from would easily offset this. His
remarks were principally along the
lines of what the fifth district has not
received at the hands of the super-
visors during the past several years.
While not entirely condemning the
frontage tax law, he appeared to be
more in favor of the proposed bond-
ing system until the fifth district is
on the basis as the fourth.Achi Ably Answered.
Senator Achi was ably answered by
Albert Waterhouse, who spoke in fa-
vor of enforcing the frontage law. At
the outset, he said that there was no
argument against the proposition thatthe fourth district has had more
money and more improvements than
the fifth. The question now, he said,
is how these conditions may be right-
ed in a fair and just manner. He
said:"Mr. Achi said that conditions in
the United States differ because the
frontage tax is introduced in practi-
cally new communities where every-
thing is started on an equal basis.
This may be true in the West, but in
the East and Southern states the
same problem is being and has been
met as that facing Honolulu today.
The frontage-tax law in those dis-
tricts has thus far proved a success,
and the property is constantly in-
creasing in value. I am not entirely
convinced that a bonding proposition
is not the best. Achi says that the
supervisors need not be so afraid to
borrow \$400,000, as the increased tax
would pay the interest. It all works
back to the beginning. It is a ques-
tion as to which district works the
hardest for its community and has
the first chance. I am not convinced
that a bonding system would not be
the best way. It has been tried out
in other cities.**Need of New Ideas.**
"A man said to me the other day
that Honolulu has too many kana-
hinas, and that it should have more
malihinis, who with their new ideas
about such matters as we are discuss-
ing this evening, would soon show the
people how to make a real city out
of Honolulu. There is no reason why
we cannot get these new ideas our-
selves and put them through. There
is no argument against the question
that things have got to change. The
one big advantage which the street
improvement idea has over the bond-
ing system is that the hustlers are
working for their own districts. The
law says that the work must be paid
for by the district in which it is done.
The fifth district is a hustler, too, but
it must pay for the work done. I
am a little afraid concerning that is-
sue of \$400,000 worth of bonds for
the city and county. Would your or-
ganization be able to overcome the
enthusiasm of the club at Kaimuki?
Do you think they would be dis-
satisfied if you got more than \$100,000?
You can't spend the money where
it should be spent on every occasion.
But I believe that the money should
be spent here—on a needy part of
the city."Following Mr. Waterhouse, the dis-
cussion was taken up by Supervisor
Pacheco, Lester Petrie and E. H. F.
Wolter, Pacheco making a lengthy ad-
dress and setting forth principally
the present needs of the Palama dis-
trict. The meeting came to a close
with the submitting to Supervisor Pe-
trie of a petition for improvements in
Peterson lane.a woman is not a "person" within
the meaning of the solicitor act of 1843,
graciously adding the words, "doubt-
less the applicant is of superior edu-
cation and intelligence to many males,
but the court has nothing to do with
that."In reply to a large deputation of
women who called upon him in Vic-
toria, B. C., yesterday, Sir Richard
McBride refused their request for the
introduction of a suffrage bill in the
government of British Columbia. The
premier said he feared that if women
got the vote they would soon sit in
parliament and it would be reasonable
to suppose that some time they would
form a woman's party and thus at-
tempt to run the affairs of the coun-
try.Countess Del Sera, who before her
marriage was Mrs. Eber Wright, gave
a dinner followed by dancing at her
New York home last night for Miss
Helen Dinsmore Huntington and her
flame, Vincent Astor.While the date of the wedding has
not yet been selected, it will be cele-
brated quietly late in April in St. Mar-
garet's church at Staatsburg, where
the wedding of Miss Huntington's pa-
rents took place.The Kaiser's absence from Berlin
at the estate of Prince Ruestenberg
during the recent reichstag crisis is
thus criticized by the Journal Roland
von Berlin.The Kaiser's well-wishers marvel
that a man of his strong character
finds pleasure in the superficial soci-
ety of Donaueschingen. Counts and
princes entertained there are mere
Austrian dandies. One is an artistic
whistler, one mimics animal noises,
and another sings comic songs."Two banquets will be given Gov-
ernor Pinkham during his few days
in San Francisco prior to his sailing
for the Islands. At one the hosts
will be the local representatives of the
Sugar Factors Company, while the
Hawaiian residents of the city
will be the hosts at the other. Gov-
ernor Pinkham has accepted both in-
vitations.The Matson liner Lurline, now on
its way to Honolulu, is carrying 15
freight cars for the Pearl Harbor na-
val station and some army and navy
supplies.All the December steamers for Ho-
nolulu are booked full up and this
month will probably mark a passen-
ger-arriving record for the Hawaiian
capital.The president sent a telegram to
the chamber of commerce at Roches-
ter, N. Y., yesterday, regretting that
he was unable to address that body
tonight by long distance telephone.
The president's voice is not in con-
dition. Vice-President Marshall made
the remarks for the president.That Assistant Secretary of Labor
Post expects to submit a comprehen-
sive plan in the interests of the work-
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the labor department today. The most
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